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**BIRTHS.**  
On the 10th inst., at "Lowber," the Peak, the wife of MARCUS WARRS BLAIR, of a daughter.  
On the 10th January, 1904, at No. 6, Seymour Road, the wife of S. H. JORDAN, of a son. [20]  
On the 30th November, 1903, at Liverpool, England, the wife of D. MULLER, Chinese Imperial Postal Service, Shanghai, of a son.  
On the 25th December, Christmas Day, at George Road, Singapore, the wife of ED. DWYER WILLOUGHBY, of a daughter.

**DEATH.**  
On the 4th January, 1904, at Solbjerg, Denmark, suddenly, MARTIN RONDE, late of Shanghai.

## The Daily Press.

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From time to time, in spite of the constant arising of more important questions in other parts of China, and in spite too of the long obsession of the public mind by the varying phases of the Manchurian difficulty, attention is directed in British official reports and in the columns of the British Colonial Press to the subject of Yunnan's future and the probable share therein of British enterprise. We published yesterday the conclusions arrived at by Mr. LITTON, H.B.M.'s Acting-Consul, after a tour in the North-western part of the province last winter (1902-03). Mr. LITTON sets a good example to consuls by his painstaking investigation into the chances of his country's commerce in the part of the world wherein he is placed, and he writes neither with undue enthusiasm nor in despair. He points out, to start with, that Yunnan is out of the great current of China trade—at present, we may add, for the time is surely, if very slowly, coming when both Yunnan and Szechuen must attract a portion of that current to send it on either to French Indo-China or to Burma. We wish that we could also say to Hongkong, and indeed ten years ago we might so have said, when a

Kowloon-to-Burma railway [did not seem more impossible than a French Indo-Chinese line to Yunnan. But with railways in a new country it is the first line in which stands all the chances of success and, further, threatens to prevent competition. To return to the point, Yunnan, Mr. LITTON says, is out of the main current of China trade and a successful year there depends on the opium and rice harvests of the province, these in turn depending on the weather. What is wanted is some export products to give in return for Indian yarn and cotton goods. Similarly we find Mr. MONTGOMERY, Commissioner of Imperial Chinese Customs at Tengyueh, saying in his report on the trade of that place in 1902, that, if the importation of Indian and European goods is to increase, it seems more than ever necessary to find some means to add to the exports, so that they may be bartered for foreign goods and ruinous exchange transactions avoided. Mr. MONTGOMERY admits that it is not easy to suggest a remedy. Opium, of course, is prohibited from entering or passing through Burma. New Mr. LITTON makes some suggestions for increasing the export trade of Yunnan. He points out the importance of the province as a possible field of supply for ponies and mules; he urges establishment of a cotton cloth-weaving industry in the Tengyueh or neighbouring valley; and advises the presence of an European firm at Tengyueh in the hope of opening new lines of trade, especially of export trade, which the Chinese themselves are very slow to attempt. Yet it is to be noted from Mr. MONTGOMERY's report that the opening of the Tengyueh Custom House on the 8th May, 1902, followed by that of two stations nearer Burma three days later, was favourably received by the local merchants, who gave no trouble whatever in opposition to Customs methods. The first twelve months of Tengyueh were estimated to bring in Hk. Tls. 30,000 in duty collected, whereas under the old *lekin* rules the revenue varied between Hk. Tls. 10,000 and 20,000, never reaching the latter figure. The most popular imports, as enumerated by Mr. LITTON from his personal observations, are blankets, cheap clocks and watches, mirrors, enamelled ironware, cheap ribbons and laces for trappings, pocket-knives, padlocks, umbrellas, leather belts, the stouter cottons, such as American drills, cotton prints of a gaudy pattern, Turkey reds, cigarettes, jade, coral, and amber. Mr. MONTGOMERY mentions also American kerosene and Japanese matches. The actual value of native produce exported in 1902 was Hk. Tls. 148,392, of which no less than 73 per cent. was Szechuen yellow silk. There were also hemp-twines, carpets, walnuts, ornament, paper, hides, and native drugs; Mr. LITTON adds musk, straw-braid, wools and furs, and bristles. With regard to mining-produce, Mr. MONTGOMERY has little to say, and Mr. LITTON does not care to offer any advice, while doubting whether in North-western Yunnan there are any mines which would repay the cost of transport of foreign machinery and introduction of foreign engineers. On the whole, it cannot be said that the immediate prospects of this part of the province are brilliant, but still it is considerably more populous than the part served by the Red River route, and the opening of Tengyueh must lead to expansion of trade by the Burma route. But the real importance of Yunnan, it must always be remembered, is that it is the threshold of Szechuen and the Upper Yangtze region, and for this reason its opening acquires a value entirely apart from what the province itself can do for Burmese and Indian trade. As the western gate of Central China the opening of Yunnan is essential to British commerce and influence.

The entries, in connection with the Hong-kong Jockey Club's race meeting, close on Saturday, the 16th inst.

Yesterday was "black Monday" indeed for the children of Hongkong, when play gave place to work, and the schools started their new terms in earnest.

Viceroy Yuan, says the Shanghai *Tung Wen Hu Pao*, has resigned his post as Director-General of the railway, so that he may devote all his time to the reorganisation of the Chinese army.

All that the *Amoy Gazette* of the 8th inst. has to say of the trouble at the Races is—Owing to the disturbances at the Race Course yesterday, the two last races have been postponed to 3.30 p.m. sharp to-day.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 10th January, 1904, were 233 non-Chinese and 90 Chinese to the former, and 62 non-Chinese and 227 Chinese to the latter institution.

The U. S. cruiser, *Don Juan de Austria* (one of the retained vessels of the Spanish fleet, sunk in Manila Bay), which has been seen in this harbour, left Singapore for New York on the 28th ult.

The *Empress Dowager* of Corea has died, and the Tokyo Court went into mourning in sympathy on the 7th inst.

It is reported in the most recent Japanese papers that a loan of £1,000,000 is to be raised in Great Britain for the Seoul-Fusan railway.

The British American Tobacco Company send us a handsome portrait advertisement of their speciality, "Turkish Trophies" cigarettes, and also a wall-calendar for 1904, advertising the Old English curve-cut tobacco.

At Singapore, on Christmas Day, a ricksha-coolie tried to extort \$1 from a passenger, for a 25-cent fare. It cost him \$5 in a fine, as the Magistrate thought his explanation "wasn't good enough." Hongkong ricksha-coolies should inwardly digest this.

The *Kokumin Shinbun* of Tokyo appears in its New Year's number as usual in greatly increased bulk. It is really an enormous issue, and contains among other things an article in English on "The Crisis" and a coloured plate of a Japanese girl. Of the Japanese letterpress we cannot of course judge, but the get-up is excellent.

Among the correspondents who have arrived in Hongkong or China, ready to go to the front in event of war, is Mr. J. S. Gillies, who is a representative of the Hearst papers in the United States and has just spent a year following the Moroc campaign in the Philippines. He has just returned from a brief visit to Canton.

To a friend in the United States Captain H. Pfort writes of the recent campaign in Sulu, P.I., that the Americans have been giving the Sulus a pretty severe lesson, and that the latter don't want to fight any more. The *a. a. Borneo* was mounted with a 3 in. quick-firing gun on the fore-batch which cleared the bush whilst the troops landed. Captain Pfort counted three hundred dead himself!

The N.C. *Daily News* Tokyo correspondent wired on the 7th inst. that "Russia appears still to hope for a peaceful settlement, but the situation is considered here to be most grave and to have now reached the stage where it must be handled by the military arm." Later he telegraphed: "Russia's answer is unsatisfactory, especially with reference to Corea. The negotiations between Japan and Russia have no common ground on which they can be continued. The so-called friendly negotiations are undoubtedly futile."

Great celebrations were carried out by the Chinese in Chicago, on the 9th ult. for the wedding of Wong Duck, a son of a well-known rich Canton family, and himself a wealthy merchant. He is a son of Dr. Wong Let, treasurer of the Chinese Exposition Commission. The bride-elect is the daughter of another wealthy merchant of San Francisco, described as being young and very beautiful. On the eve of the wedding a final bachelor dinner was given to the bridegroom by Mr. Hing Pak San, served in the American style, with coloured waiters.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* wrote last month: "While everything in the progress of the negotiations between Japan and Russia points conclusively to an amicable settlement of their differences over Manchuria and Corea, it is amusing to note the dogged persistency of the British newspapers and their Oriental correspondents in predicting the probabilities of war. Possibly the wish is father to the thought with them." Surely it is very seldom that American papers accuse British of undue sensationalism. And what about that "amicable settlement" now?

An Astoria (Oregon) despatch dated the 10th December says: "Seven Japanese are missing from the Orientalliner *Indravelli*, and speculation is rife as to their fate. When the vessel left Portland she had nineteen Japanese on board, eighteen being deported for irregularities in their papers and one for a contagious disease. At Brookfield the steamship was compelled to come to anchor and the men escaped during the night. They jumped into the river and started to swim ashore 100 yards distant. The water was icy cold and whether all reached land safely is doubted. It is reported here to-night that four were drowned, but there is nothing to confirm this report."

The Shanghai *Mercury* has the following: "It is stated among the native community that an unusually daring robbery was recently committed in the Cantonese cemetery here. According to the rumour startling details have been brought to light. The coffin of the deceased, late master of Ch-up Jack & Co., Hong-kew, was broken open, and the corpse, clothing and all, stripped of its valuables, amounting to a considerable sum of money, and even the string of beads, used for official purposes, estimated to have cost over \$1,000, was stolen. Previous to the robbery the two watch-dogs kept in the cemetery are supposed to have been killed by poison."

A Wuchang despatch, according to the N.C. *Daily News*, states that in accordance with the views of Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai and Wei Kuang-tao H. E. Tuan Fang, Acting Viceroy of the Hukang provinces, has been lately having numerous conferences with young officers, graduates of the Military Academies, both of China and Japan, asking their respective opinions as to the proper organisation of troops, etc. These educated young officers of the Hukang Viceroyalty as well as those in the Chili and Liangkang Viceroyalties, it is stated, have been promised responsible commands in case of war, to enable them to put to practical use the education they have acquired in Japan, and in the Chinese Military Academies.

In view of the possibility of a Russo-Japanese war, the Italian Government has ordered the cruiser *Vettor Pisani* to remain at Nagasaki.

A Japanese Imperial Ordinance decrees that in case of necessity a Lieutenant-General or Vice-Admiral shall be nominated by the Emperor to command the military and naval forces in Formosa, under the orders of the Governor-General, but he may act independently in any pressing emergency.

The Russian Legation guard which arrived at Seoul on the 6th inst. was composed of 23 marines with one officer. The N.C. *Daily News* publishes a telegram dated London, 7th January, to the effect that one hundred American marines had arrived at Seoul to protect the American Legation, the Coraau Government declining to be answerable for the discipline of its troops.

A cable to the New York *World* from London says: "The Westminster Abbey authorities have declined to allow the body of Herbert Spencer to be interred in the British Valhalla. They were informally approached, but expressed regret that it was impossible. The question of religion could not have entered into the decision, as Darwin is buried there. Primo M. M. Balfour, who had many controversial bouts with the dead philosopher, expressed himself favourably to burial in the abbey, but the dean and chapter proved adverse."

The *Ostasiatische Lloyd* wrote on the 5th inst.: "The Russian Government has sent its answer to the last Japanese Note to Admiral Alexieff, who is ordered to forward it at once to the Japanese Government. It is proposed therein that the negotiations about some new points, which have been raised, will be transferred to St. Petersburg. Both in Berlin and in Paris, the best-informed circles assure us that any warlike measures taken by Japan in South Korea would not be a cause of war for Russia. If the Russian answer is received favourably in Tokyo, Admiral Alexieff will start at once for St. Petersburg."

The remarks of Herr Bebel, the German Socialist leader, in the Reichstag on the 10th ult. created no little sensation when he alluded to Russia. He said, among other things: "Russia is essentially a barbarous state, against whose bestialities all the European Governments have made no protest." The speaker then alluded to Kishineff, where, he said, the authorities "stood by and watched murders." He asserted (and who can deny it?) that a Russian General had driven thousands of Chinese into the Amur river, and said the arrest of a Russian spy at Sofia had resulted in finding among his papers "documentary proofs that Russia was privy to the plan to assassinate King Alexander months before the event occurred."

The N.C. *Daily News* says: "A painful sensation was caused in the Settlements on 6th inst. when it became known that Mr. R. R. Schwind of the Russo-Chinese Bank had been arrested on a charge of embezzling about Tls. 12,000 from his employers. Mr. Schwind was arrested on a German-Consular warrant yesterday morning and was brought up before Mr. Maass, H.I.G.H. Vice-Consul. The proceedings were of a private nature and it is understood that there will not be another hearing for some days. Meanwhile the accused is to be kept in custody at the British Consular Gaol. Defalcations having been alleged against another member of the staff of the Bank, who recently left for home, a warrant for his arrest has been telegraphed to Singapore by the German Consular authorities."

## THE CANTON-FATSHAN RAILWAY.

Within the last two or three days rumours of a most alarming character have come to Hongkong regarding the progress of the work on the Canton-Fatshan railway. According to our information, the work is practically at a standstill on all the sections of the railroad. The natives are apparently bitterly opposed to the European venture, and, if all accounts are true, are ready to resist by force of arms the incoming of the foreigners. Europeans who have come down from the line lately all tell the same tale of the Chinese showing bad feeling towards the Westerners who are engaged on the line. The attack on one of the railway construction camps lately will be fresh yet in the public memory. On that occasion the workshops were burned and all the tools and plant were destroyed. The Europeans were chased for their lives into the middle of the river and had most of their property destroyed. Now it appears that the people in charge of the construction of the line have been informed of an imminent rising against the whites there. Orders have been issued that no Chinese are to be allowed in European houses there. It is an open secret that at Chinese New Year a rising may be prophesied in Canton similar to that which occurred a year ago. The rumour goes that all the Europeans in the neighbourhood of the new line are to be butchered. Naturally, the greatest possible precautions are being taken, and there is little fear of the white workers being caught napping. It is an eloquent fact, however, that there has been a steady exodus of men from the railway workings within the last week or so. The new arrivals in Hongkong give it out as a fact that trouble is expected, and that it will be serious when it comes. Work on the line is more or less disorganised owing to the recent looting of one of the camps, and it is quite on the boards that there may be a simultaneous attack on all the camps together. The workers have been ordered not to keep Chinese in their houses at all.

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**A FEUD AT HONGKONG.**  
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## TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

## FATAL ACCIDENT AT SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, 11th January, 2.30 p.m.

### N. D. L. CHIEF ENGINEER KILLED.

The Chief Engineer of the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer *Kiautschou* was killed at Tanjong Pagar wharf here yesterday. A ventilator-cowl on board slipped from its sling and dropped on his head, fracturing his skull.

[We have been unable to discover any details about the unfortunate engineer except that his name was T. Ström. The *Kiautschou* left Hongkong for Europe on the 6th inst.—Ed. D.P.]

## REUTERS'S SERVICE.

### THE NORTH-EAST CRISIS.

LONDON, 9th January.

Count Benckendorff and Viscount Hayashi have visited the Foreign Office, almost simultaneously. The Ambassador was received by Lord Lansdowne first and had a lengthy interview. Viscount Hayashi was received immediately afterwards.

### LATER.

All the Bourses are stronger, reflecting a sudden reversion to hopefulness, based on well-accredited reports that the latest note recognises Japan's preponderance in Corea, which, at the instance of Admiral Alexieff, was previously refused. It is generally believed that this concession will lead to a continuance of negotiations making for peace.

The Japanese war ships *Nyssa* and *Kosuga* have left Genoa for Suez flying the Japanese flag. The crews are composed half of English and half of Italians, commanded by Englishmen; and the other officers are all English, with the exception of five Japanese.

## CANTON.

Canton, 9th January.

### THE END OF AO CHAN.

The brigand chief Ao Chan has been tracked and killed in the village Ao Chuan at the foot of the Saichow mountain in the Nanhai district. The dead bodies of Ao and three of his adjutants were placed on the Government wharf at Canton for identification and burial. Some of Admiral Li Chen's soldiers who were killed in fighting against the brigands were buried with honour, soldiers accompanying their remains to the burial ground. Yesterday Captains Ko How Chee, Pan Cheuk Man, and Fu Chan Hui were summoned before Viceroy Shun, who in a few appropriate words praised them and promised them promotion. The people here say that one of the greatest mischiefs in Kwangtung has been destroyed.

### JOSS-HOUSE IN TROUBLE.

The joss-house of Wong Tai Sin, or the Great Genious Wong, in Honan, has been doing a roaring trade, every day thousands of people going there to pray the joss to give them children or good luck, and the keeper thereof was making a fortune by selling joss-sticks and papers. Some of the gentry and graduates petitioned the Viceroy, characterising all this as a great nuisance, and asked him to confiscate the temple. His Excellency ordered the joss to be shifted, and his temple converted into a public school.

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## PORT ARTHUR.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Port Arthur, 28th December.

### A STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

Much anxiety is felt for the well-known Port Arthur merchant, Mr. Sydney George Reilly (whose name I mentioned in my last letter), the Manager of the East Asiatic Company, who left about seven weeks ago for a short pleasure trip to Japan and has not been heard of since the 18th November. The disappearance of Mr. Reilly has given rise to a considerable amount of gossip. It appears, however, that the case is absolutely mysterious, as money has no place in it. Mr. Reilly voluntarily gave notice, some time back, that he wished to leave his lucrative post as manager of the above-mentioned Danish Company in order to start in business on his own account. The confidence of his friends in his honesty and business capacity was such that sufficient money was placed at his disposal to enable him to begin the new business, and the pick of the East Asiatic Company's Port Arthur branch resigned their posts (or gave notice) in order to join him in his new venture. The present writer saw him in his own house just before he started for Japan and found him looking well, although he said that he had overworked himself and needed a rest badly. He accordingly left Daluy for Nagasaki by the C. E. R. S. *Argon* on the 14th November, reached Nagasaki on the 16th, and telegraphed the news of his arrival to a friend in Port Arthur on the same day. He afterwards wrote from Kobe on the 18th saying that he was delighted with Japan and proposed seeing Osaka, Kyoto, and Miyazaki before returning. That was the last letter his friends received from him, and some seven weeks have now elapsed without any news of him coming to hand. He should have been back in Port Arthur several weeks ago in order to assist at the closing of the business for the year and to meet his wife, then on her way from Europe. Mrs. Reilly arrived, expecting to meet her husband who had telegraphed to her saying that he hoped they would spend Christmas together, and her surprise and annoyance on discovering his absence and on hearing some of the gossip circulated about him may easily be imagined. She has now left for Japan in order to trace him as best she can. Some of Mr. Reilly's friends here are inclined to think that he is the occupant of a Japanese dungeon as a Russian spy, but this is in the highest degree improbable, as is also the theory that he has met with an accident on some out-of-the-way mountain in the Hakone district. If he were arrested he could soon put himself in communication with persons who could help him, and if he met with an accident or were even killed in some remote part of Japan, the police would very soon communicate with his friends here.

Mr. Reilly's father was Irish, and his mother Polish. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and at Heidelberg University, Germany, and speaks French, German, and Russian as well as he speaks English. He studied chemistry at college and joined Messrs. Clarkson's Port Arthur branch two years ago as a clerk. His rise to the head of the Port Arthur branch of the East Asiatic Company was rapid, but did not apparently satisfy his active spirit, for he seems to have been interested in other commercial enterprises, especially in the Liaoning Mining Syndicate. I saw Mr. Forum, the present manager of the E. A. Company here, and he says that Mr. Reilly's accounts are in order.

### STRANGE AFFAIR ON BOARD THE "CHUNGKING."

I have heard of a rather strange occurrence that took place on Christmas Eve. A Chinaman had paid the comrade to give up his cabin to him from Vladivostok to Chefoo, and on Christmas night there was such a disturbance in the cabin of the comrade that the latter was asked in the morning to tell what was the matter. He replied that he had not slept in the cabin, having surrendered it to a friend; but on afterwards proceeding to interview this friend in order to obtain an explanation of the disturbance, he found a Chinaman he had never seen before occupying the cabin, the original lessee of the cabin having apparently disappeared. A diligent search for him revealed, however, the fact that he had been chopped into very small pieces and tied up in a sack which was discovered in the cabin. Robbery must have been the motive of the murderer, for the victim was rich and had been bringing a large sum of money with him from Vladivostok. The fact that the British Consulate at Chefoo handed two Chinese pirates over to the local native authorities on Christmas Day may have something to do with this strange occurrence on board a British vessel.

### CHEFOO AT CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

The foreign community of Chefoo—the younger portion of it at least—celebrated Christmas in a sensible fashion by a game of football played by the Customs v. the rest of Chefoo. The latter team scored two goals to nil. Next day there was a hockey match, in which many of the local young ladies took part with great earnestness and no little skill. Some of the private celebrations of the great Christmas festival—at all events the one which the present writer had the privilege of attending—were marked by a spirit of joyousness, reverence, and light-heartedness such as would have delighted Dickens himself.

### CHRISTMAS AT PORT ARTHUR.

In Port Arthur at least one local merchant, a Canadian, celebrated Christmas in the good old style, that is, with the accompaniment of Christmas trees, etc., but of course the Russians did not observe the day. Their Christmas comes later and promises to be celebrated with all the enthusiasm with which Russians celebrate. There will be three days of unbroken revelry, then on the 29th there will be a pause, and again on the 30th the revelry recommences. There are always a good many people, especially soldiers and sailors, in the hospitals after these religious



## HONGKONG JOTTINGS.

The regular epidemic of war rumours has been the chief feature of the past week, and almost every prominent firm in the Colony has been credited one day with a telegram announcing an outbreak. As for the Acting Governor (I think that this brief synonym for the Officer Administering the Government is pardonable, if incorrect), the General, and the Commodore, the number of important despatches which have reached them, according to popular report, is wonderful. No doubt these high personages have had some very interesting communications, but with regard to the actions of Japan and Russia little can be known, as both Governments are at special pains to keep things concealed. Hongkong will not be the first place in the world to hear of a declaration of war, if such occurs; but we certainly make up for that by inventing or imagining them, though they have not got into print yet. I suppose the intending war-correspondents anxious to be under fire (some of them), are the most eager for the news. There are, it is to be feared, a lot of the shadow kind of correspondents also on the watch for a good chair in a Chefoo or Tientsin hotel, whence to electrify their patrons in Europe and America and outland the authentic news telegraphed by their more honourable colleagues near the front.

Next to war rumours, exchange vagaries attract Hongkong attention. The movements are really quite exciting to watch, and the anxiety of amateur exchange gamblers is amusing, especially to the penurious philosopher. The exchange broker now must feel like the captain of a liner who is continually being asked "How many knots is the ship going to do today?"—except that the broker cannot control the dollar as the captain his speed.

There has been some talk of late about dust and other rubbish having been thrown into Hongkong harbours. The Government are very strict with vessels touching at the port, insisting that no rubbish be thrown overboard; in fact, if seafaring men are to avoid being charged at the Magistracy they must be very careful. On the other hand, it is alleged by more than one person that the dust-bags, taking sweepings away from their wharf at West Point, do not always go five miles out to sea as is required of them, but sometimes they are seen discharging refuse, etc., into the harbour. Considering that some half-dozen 600-pint boats leave the pier every morning, it is of the utmost importance that this matter should be investigated. One old sea-dog says that if masters are allowed to go on as at present, the Government will be saved the trouble of building a Hongkong-Kowloon bridge. Seriously, though, anything tending to injure our harbour should be avoided. The contract for removing the rubbish, by the way, is let out to Chinese.

In placing on sale at the General Post Office one-dollar books of stamps, which comprise 10 4-cent stamps, 12 2-cent, and 12 1-cent, the Postmaster-General is putting into practice a little idea which commends itself for convenience alike to the general public and the Post Office staff. One only wonders why such a simple and yet very practical idea has not been adopted before. The tendency never to do to-day what you can do to-morrow asserts itself very strongly in a good many people when letter-writing is concerned, and there is always a great rush for stamps at the Post Office counter just before each European or American Mail departs. The issue of books of stamps will doubtless tend to relieve these rushes and lighten the work of the clerks.

The chit system is so deeply rooted to the Far East that even the latest griffin quickly develops a strong objection to pay cash when his chit will be taken with just as much pleasure, for the time being. But with the growth of the Colony one can notice in some directions a desire to supplant the old chit system by one which affords more protection to the man who sells. A local baker, for example, has his books of coupons, which the customer buys just as he would buy a dollar book of stamps at the Post Office. On the call of "the baker's man" the day's requirements are paid for in coupons. But I am afraid it is a long jump from buying bread to the purchase of drinks with coupons.

Coming down Wyndham Street yesterday at 11.30 a.m., I saw a party of ladies and gentlemen who were purchasing flowers, suddenly start to cough and choke and wipe their faces vigorously. On nearing the spot I discovered the cause of the annoyance to be a number of coolies who were jogging along with ordinary baskets along on bamboo poles, and filled with fine powdered lime, from which at every step of the carriers clouds of the pulverised lime were sent flying into the air—into the eyes, noses, and over the clothes of the passers-by. The baskets were in no way protected, nor did the coolies take the slightest precautions in carrying them, thus giving considerable annoyance to the near-by pedestrians. I believe there is an ordinance against nuisances, and surely this is one that calls for prompt action by the police, who should be authorised to stop all coolies from carrying lime, of all things, along the public thoroughfares in unprotected baskets. Other nuisances are abated by force of law. Why not this one?

I noticed again, coming down from St. John's Cathedral to Queen's Road, that the side of the slope remains unprotected, notwithstanding the menace it is to the safety of pedestrians using that thoroughfare at night. Probably it is a case of waiting until some prominent official—

not necessarily of the P.W.D.—slips down and fractures a limb, before steps are taken to remedy the menacing danger. A couple of parallel bars, the highest being about four feet up from the walk, would provide the safety required.

Hongkong now has its Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and though it has not appeared in the reports, I do not doubt that some of the prosecutions which have recently been reported have resulted from the activity of the Society. I venture to suggest to the Society that something might be done in the direction of getting kindness to animals inculcated in the minds of the Chinese children, and, indeed, children of all nationalities. But Chinese children seem to be particularly cruel in their treatment of animals. A day or two ago a couple of English ladies came upon a small gathering in Wellington Street, the attraction being the amusement of a couple of well-dressed Chinese girls were deriving from the torture of a cat, which had been bound up in most heartless fashion and was being dragged along the street. Boiling over with indignation, the ladies promptly intervened. The two girls ran, but one—the worst offender—was caught, and in the presence of a crowd which quickly swelled to considerable proportions, the little wretch was made to out with the scissors she had in her hand every bond which had been placed on the cat. And after a vigorous shaking she herself was let go. The crowd exhibited the usual unconcern of a Chinese crowd.

Most travelled people are vain of the number of foreign labels they can show on their trunks and valises. Some make it a practice to have the new ones stuck on always on a fresh place, so that by the time they have travelled a good many journeys their baggage comes to be like Joseph's coat, of many colours. A friend of mine had a cabin trunk of which he was especially proud. He invariably showed it to his friends as one of his treasures. It was covered all over with labels. One evening lately, on going home, his boy met him with smiling face, and, obviously expectant of "cumsa" for his unusual diligence, informed the master that he had "mankum clean that old bag!" Sure enough the boy had carefully scraped the trunk clean of every scrap of paper. And he could not comprehend, either, why the owner swore.

## BANYAN.

## ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The sixth club race in the championship class was sailed on Saturday last in a moderate easterly breeze, which held true throughout the race. The course was round markboat in Quarry Bay, Channel Rocks, Cust-Rocks Buoy, markboat in Quarry Bay, and Channel Rocks.

*Elzebeth* made a clever start inshore on port tack, and gained considerably thereby. *Dione*, *Vernon*, and *Aileen* chose the windward end of the line, and as they crossed the line at gunfire they found the *s.s. Korea* bearing straight down on them. The yachts were on the starboard tack and held their course, but *Dione* in the windward berth, and therefore nearest the great steamer, had to bear away to avoid being run down. The steamer passed between the markboat at end of the line and the Police Pier, a most dangerous proceeding in the circumstances. Before Hingmum Point was reached *Dione*, which had worked into the leading position, and *Vernon* had deprived *Elzebeth* of her lead. At the point the two leaders tacked and stood over to the Hongkong shore, and when *Vernon* tacked again she passed ahead of *Dione*. The latter was never able to get on terms again, though she pressed *Vernon* hard, and she sailed and well contested race ended in favour of *Vernon*.

*Vernon* only requires one more win to secure the championship.

## ONE-DESIGN CLASS.

The one-design class sailed their sixth club race on Sunday in an easterly breeze which varied between light and moderate during the afternoon. The start, against the tide, was a good one, *Min* being on the line at gunfire, and no boat more than a few seconds late in crossing. *Min* went about soon after the start, and succeeded in crossing *Colleen* by the narrow margin of six inches. *Kathleen* and *Colleen* held on towards the shore, on reaching which *Kathleen* went about and cleared *Colleen's* bow by a few feet. *Colleen* in her turn crossed *Min*, who appeared to have lost by keeping a little too far out in the tide-way. *Erica* was meanwhile working up the centre of the channel towards Meyer's Pier. Here *Kathleen* had a load of something under a minute from *Min* and *Colleen*, who were sailing in close company. *Benito* was not sailing well, and was already some distance astern. *Colleen* now separated from the others and chose to sail on towards Channel Rocks, while *Kathleen* and *Min* preferred to hold on across the tide to the Hongkong shore. As the latter neared the island it was seen that *Erica* had lost considerably by her choice of course, and shortly after it became clear that *Colleen* had also dropped behind. The latter was at one time sailing in a nice northerly breeze, which would have put her ahead if it had lasted. The markboat was, however, in an easterly breeze, and *Colleen* lost ground in crossing from one wind to the other. The mark was rounded by *Kathleen* first, with *Min* about a minute behind, followed by *Colleen*, *Erica*, *Benito*, in the order named. As the yachts neared Channel Rocks the wind backed to the north, necessitating a tack. Order at the Rocks was unchanged, and the intervals between boats

unaltered. The run to Cust Rocks Buoy was decidedly uncomfortable, as the yachts kept running from the northerly into the easterly wind and back again, a gybe being necessary at each change. At the Cust Rocks it was seen that *Min* had pulled up on the leader and was now only some ten seconds behind. After the turn there was for the first time in the race a difference of opinion between the helmsmen of *Min* and *Kathleen* as to the best course to be sailed. The latter preferred to make straight for the Hongkong shore, while *Min* was put about and sailed on the starboard tack for some distance. When they met again *Min* crossed *Kathleen* by about 5 yards. Her triumph was, however, short-lived, as a shift of wind put *Kathleen* ahead again on the next tack some three minutes later. *Min* never regained her lead on the beat, and *Kathleen* reached the markboat 30 seconds ahead. The remainder of the class were some distance astern. The wind was now blowing fresh from the eastward, and the race to Channel Rocks was a fast one. After rounding the Rocks *Min* slowly but surely drew up on *Kathleen*, and two hundred yards from the line was only half a length behind. She could gain no more, and *Kathleen* won the best-contested race of the season by 5 seconds, less than a boat's length.

## HANDICAP CLASS.

The wind just suited *Chanticleer*, who won easily on time. *Iris*, in spite of a new suit of sails, did not appear to be going well, while *Doreen* showed much improved form. *Alannah* secured second place.

Times for Saturday.				
Vernon	...	3	45	25
Dione	...	3	47	35
Aileen	...	3	57	49
Elzebeth	...	3	59	00
Times for Sunday.				
Kathleen	...	3	48	00
Min	...	3	48	05
Colleen	...	3	56	05
Erica	...	3	56	50
Benito	...	4	0	11
Corrected				
Alannah	...	3	54	50 (2)
Chanticleer	...	4	0	3 (1)
Iris	...	4	20	37 (3)
Doreen	...	4	8	0
Gloria	...	4	9	8
Payne	...	4	18	22

## U.S. CONSULS IN CONTROVERSY.

The New York Herald publishes, with sub-heads reporting "Charges Filed Against John Goodnow, Who Seeks the Sulp of John Fowler," and "Disclosures Expected Affecting the Administration of More Than One Consular Post in China," details of a controversy which will interest residents, particularly American residents, in China. The Herald says:—

"Serious charges against United States Consul-General John Goodnow at Shanghai, China, have been filed with the Department of State, and he is now in this country hastening to Washington to answer them. United States Consul John Fowler, whose post is Chafso, China, is also bound to Washington with the avowed intention of obtaining Mr. Goodnow's official scalp. In the State Department it is expected Mr. Goodnow will try to return the compliment. Those who have their eye on this bitter inter-consular war predict startling disclosures affecting the administration of more than one consular post in China and showing a condition of affairs which will at least draw the light of official consideration. The charges against Mr. Goodnow who has served in Shanghai since 1896, when he was appointed to the consular service, from Minnesota, are brought by George F. Curtis, an attorney of Shanghai, and they are believed to include malfeasance and destruction of documents. It is around the quarrel between Mr. Fowler and Mr. Goodnow that most attention centres. It is said Mr. Goodnow incurred the enmity of Mr. Fowler by dealing harshly in his consular capacity in Shanghai with a person attached to the United States Consulate in Chafso. Whether Mr. Goodnow has a distinct grievance against Mr. Fowler or is merely hitting back is unknown here, but many persons think the quarrel which has reached around the world is so bitter that China will be in the future too small for both of the principals."

The Herald also publishes the two following despatches:—

"San Francisco, Cal., Friday.—When the statement was printed last week that George F. Curtis, of Shanghai, had filed a complaint against John Goodnow, American Consul-General at Shanghai, Mr. Goodnow said: 'Curtis has, as an attorney, been insulting and obnoxious before the Consular court at Shanghai, and I came near discharging him. I have not heard that he intends suing my bondsmen for \$40,000, nor have I heard that he has sent on charges to the President against me. If he charges me with malfeasance in office, he has done something which is malicious and false. He is a bitter enemy of mine, simply because I will not let him have his own way in the Consular Court over which I have jurisdiction. My conduct over which I have jurisdiction was above board and perfectly straight. The Philippines authorities telegraphed me to arrest him in China on a charge of smuggling Chinese into the Philippines. He had fled from Manila to China. I did arrest him later. I refused to release him on habeas corpus, and at the request of the Philippines authorities sent him back to Manila. Legally and in any other way my conduct can be defended in that affair.'—Charges are to be made against Consul-General Goodnow by John Fowler, Consul in Chafso, but what will be alleged Mr. Fowler refuses to disclose. 'Because of a department rule I cannot say a thing about the matter,' said Mr. Fowler, when sent to-night at his mother's home, No. 7 Ashburton Place."

## SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 11th January.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

## CLAIM BY WENDT &amp; CO.

Wendt & Co. merchants, 6, Ice House Street, claimed from the Chop Yik firm the sum of \$1086.54 restricted to \$1000, being damages sustained by the plaintiffs by reason of the non-acceptance by the defendants of 20 cases of Oxford shirts contracted to be purchased by them from the plaintiffs under contract dated 18th February last. Mr. H. W. Looker, solicitors, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro, solicitor), was for the defendants.

Mr. Looker in opening the case for the plaintiffs said that on 18th February they entered into a contract with the defendants for the sale of 20 cases of Oxford shirts to be delivered within two months. They telegraphed home and were informed the goods could not be supplied within four months. On this they told the defendants and the contract was closed, the goods to be supplied "the soonest possible." His Lordship would have to decide what these words meant. When the goods came to hand they were repudiated by the defendants, solely on the question of time. The case was adjourned.

## POLICE COURT.

Monday, 11th January.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

## STOWAWAYS.

On the arrival of the *s.s. Dunally*, from Australia, in this harbour the police flag was seen flying from the fore. The police launch was seen alongside and three men given in charge as being stowaways. These were Adam Baker, American, a seaman unemployed, John Vernon, American, a ship's steward unemployed, and John McCabe, ship's cook unemployed. They were charged with obtaining passages from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Hongkong, without the consent of the master or owners of the *s.s. Dunally*, and without paying for same. They admitted being stowaways, and were sentenced by His Worship to fines of \$50 or 1 month each.

## A JUVENILE THIEF.

Tsang Cheng, 15, an office-boy employed by Messrs. Jensen and Company, was arraigned on the charge of stealing a pair of gold sleeve-links, the property of Mr. K. Schaffer, of that firm. The links were valued at \$10. Accused admitted the theft, and said he was sweeping the room when he found the links on the floor. He picked them up and went out and pawned them. For this he had ten strokes with a birch administered to him yesterday.

## A HOUSE-BOY'S FALL.

Tsang Fung is a house-boy in the employ of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, in Staton Street. On Saturday he walked out of the Home with a bed-sheet and one tin of cocoa in his possession, the value of \$4. This was the property of the Home. He had no defence, and was sent to hard labour for two months.

## GAMBLERS.

Eight Chinese were up on the charge of gambling in a common gaming-house. The keeper of the house was fined \$25 and the gamblers 6 each were fined \$3 each.

## CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Su Ching and Chun Ti, boatmen, were charged with cruelty to animals, by handling carts on board their boat in such a manner as to cause them needless suffering. They tied ropes tight round the bodies of the beasts and proceeded to haul them up out of the hold. Their inhumanity in this direction cost them \$0 each.

## EARRING-SNATCHING.

Walking down Gibson Street on Sunday afternoon a married woman named Ngan Wou suddenly felt a pull at her ears, and found her earrings gone. Turning round she saw a young Chinaman running away. She gave chase, crying out, in the vernacular, "Stop thief." A Chinese constable had his attention directed to the man by this cry, and joined in the chase, when the man was caught and arrested. Placed before Mr. T. Sercombe Smith the culprit said he was going to see his mother when he was arrested. He was searched, but nothing was found on him. He could not say why he was running. His Worship was satisfied with the woman's straight story and sentenced the man, or rather boy, to 2 months' hard labour, with 12 strokes of the birch to be administered in the first week of each month.

## BLACK AND WHITE.

William Smith, a fireman on the U.S.S. *Wilmington*, a coloured man, and George Anderson, third officer of the U.S.S. *Lynn*, were charged with disorderly conduct and fighting in a house in Ship Street on Sunday night. There was a further charge against William Smith, of assaulting Chinese P. C. 340, in the execution of his duty. Evidence was given by several of the inmates of the house that the first defendant went into the house, and after a while was followed by the second defendant, who sat down in a room. Seeing the first defendant coming down the stairs the second spoke to him in a way which made the first angry, and he struck the second a blow on the neck, following it by a second blow which knocked the man down. A fight then ensued, and one of the inmates went and called the constable. When the constable arrived and took the first defendant into custody the latter

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assaulted him and tried to get free. For the defence it was alleged that the second defendant, on seeing the first coming downstairs, called him a black man, and "he wouldn't stand for that," so he kneeled him down. He would not think he was a man who would not knock any man down who used such language, whether a black man or a white man. The fighting and assault were proved, the objectionable language denied by the second defendant. The first defendant was fined \$3 for fighting and \$20 for assaulting the constable, and the second defendant \$3 for fighting and creating a disturbance. All the fines were paid.

## LATE TELEGRAMS.

[VIA SHANGHAI.]

## THE NORTHERN CRISIS.

Berlin, 5th January. The Russian Commercial Telegraph Bureau at Berlin learns from St. Petersburg that Admiral Alexoff has already forwarded the Russian Note to the Russian Minister at Tokyo, who probably will hand it to-morrow to the Japanese Government. Well-informed circles of St. Petersburg are convinced that Russia will not break the peace. It is reported that a Russian accepts in her last note Japan's demands with regard to Korea, but that Russia has added some conditions.

Berlin, 6th January. No Power will offer any resistance against the Japanese movements in South Korea. Great Britain and America are each sending a man of war to Chemulpo and a legation guard to Seoul. —O. Lloyd.

## CANADA AND SUGAR.

Montreal, 25th December. Negotiations have taken place between Russia and Canada for the introduction of Russian sugar into Canada under a preferential tariff. The statement that Canada desires to buy Greenland is unfounded.

## THE BALKANS.

Sofia, 25th December. At a Parliamentary sitting and on the subject of the estimates of the Minister of War, it was decided to allow speeches only by the Minister of War and one deputy, after which the debate was immediately closed. The budget was voted in spite of vehement protests from the Opposition, who demanded the right of speech. The result was a horrible confusion. An Opposition deputy was attacked in the corridors by some ministerialists and was manacled. In consequence of these scenes, and seeing the impossibility of their joining in the debate, the Opposition met on their own account and resolved to take no further part in Parliamentary work, but to address an appeal to the people in which they will protest earnestly against the conduct of ministers and deputies. —Nory Krai.

## THE PRICE OF PETROLEUM.

Berlin, 5th January. The Nobel Company has made a reduction in the price of petroleum of twelve kopeks.

## THE CHICAGO FIRE.

Berlin, 5th January. The fire at the Chicago Iroquois Theatre has been the cause of an exchange of friendly telegrams between H. M. the Kaiser and President Roosevelt.

## OBITUARY.

Berlin, 5th January. Professor Friedrich Jolly, the best-known German psychiatrist, is dead, aged 59.

## BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

Berlin, 6th January. The Kaiser and King Edward of England exchanged very hearty congratulations at New Year. The latter indicated his intention to visit Berlin, probably in May. —O. Lloyd.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER OUTSIDE.

Fine weather is reported by latest arrivals.

## SHIPPING AT AMOY.

Vessels at Amoy on the 8th inst. were: C.M. s.s. *Teiching* (for Shanghai), British steamers *Hong Wan*, and *Nanshan* (for Straits), British barque *Oseka*, and American s.s. *Togabao* (for Manila). Vessels then expected, were s.s. *Yashun* (from Shanghai), *Tongas* s.s. *Huiching* (from Hongkong via Swatow), Douglas s.s. *Thales* (from Foochow), and Douglas s.s. *Haimun* (from Tamsui).

## P. &amp; O. LAUNCH DAMAGED.

At Singapore, on the 26th ult., the P. & O. pilot launch, after putting the pilot on board the mail, ran into the red buoy off the P. & O. wharf. The bows of the launch being badly stove in necessitated a docking.

## SHIP FROM CHINA OVERDUE.

The British ship *Oliverbank* one of the finest sailing-ships flying the British flag, has been placed on the overdue list at the Merchants' Exchange San Francisco. She is on the passage from Shanghai to Royal Roads.

## BRITISH SHIPPING.

The Cardiff Chamber of Commerce has resolved to send a deputation to the Board of Trade on the question of the reduction in the net tonnage of British vessels which invariably follows their transfer to a foreign flag. During the past five years it was reported that British ships arriving in South Wales from Monmouth ports showed a decrease of 13 per cent. The net British register tonnage decreased 9 per cent, while foreign tonnage increased 92 per cent. The reason was that hundreds of steamers, formerly British-owned, had been transferred to foreign flags, and in every case the tonnage had been reduced. A great injustice was thereby done to dockowners and also to shipowners.

THE C. P. R. CO. Lumber and stogie shipments from Vancouver to the Northwest and Manitoba have recently full off to such an extent that the Canadian Pacific Railway had to send empty cars back to the territories, although several months ago the local millmen could not obtain sufficient cars. During the past three months the exportation of lumber to the Northwest has been gradually dropping off.

OVERLOADING AMERICAN SHIPS. The U. S. Senate last month agreed to a resolution offered by Perkins, directing the Secretary of Commerce and Labour to transmit a report of vessels lost on the American coasts during the last year by reason of overloading. It is Perkins' intention to introduce a bill similar to the law in force in England providing for a "Plymouth line," preventing the overloading of vessels.

BRIMSTONE CARGOES. Large cargoes of brimstone are exported from Japan, where volcanoes are numerous.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Malta* left Singapore for this port on the 11th inst., at 6 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 16th inst., at about 5 p.m.

The A.L. steamer *Gisela* left Singapore for this port on the 8th inst., a.m.

The C.P.R. steamer *Athenian* arrived at Shanghai at 1.30 p.m. on the 10th inst., and left again at midnight same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 3 p.m. on the 22nd inst.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* left Yokohama for Victoria (B.C.) and Tacoma (Wash.) on the 9th inst.

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TERMS:—As usual.  
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Also WINES and SPIRITS.  
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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.  
V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.  
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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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For further particulars apply to Messrs. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, or to DENNIS & BOWLEY, Solicitors for the Mortgagee.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [203]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 1904, at the HILLIER STREET WHARF, Hongkong, at 2 o'clock, the "SAN CHEUNG," where she will then be lying.

This vessel is a Twin screw steamer of the following dimensions and tonnage:—Length over all 200 feet; Breadth at deck level 33 feet; Depth of hold 9 feet; gross tonnage 951 tons; Net tonnage 770 tons. She is fitted throughout with electric light and holds a Hongkong Passengers' Certificate, and can carry 1,100 Chinese and 250 European passengers.

The vessel is to be sold with all appurtenances, engines, anchors, chains, blocks, fixtures, machinery, furniture, glass, crockery ware, and gear, inventories of which can be seen, and particulars and conditions of sale can be obtained at the offices of JOHN HASTINGS, Esquire, the Vendor's Solicitor, No. 2 Wyndham Street, or of Messrs. CARMICHAEL and CLARKE, Consulting Engineers, or of Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, the Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [204]

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 18th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, of One Lot of Crown Land South of Bowen Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Under the patronage of H.E. Mr. MAY, C.M.G., H.E. Major-General V. HATTON, C.B., and Rear-Admiral ROBINSON.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [143]

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## NOTIFICATIONS

## PROPOSALS FOR FROZEN FRESH BEEF AND FROZEN FRESH MUTTON.—Headquarters Division of the Philippines, Office of the Chief Commissary, Manila, P.I., August 25th, 1903.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this Office until 11 o'clock, a.m., March 19th, 1904, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of the attending bidders, for the furnishing and delivery of six million six hundred thousand (6,600,000) pounds of frozen fresh beef and four hundred and eighty thousand (480,000) pounds of frozen fresh mutton to the Subsistence Department at Manila, P.I., during the year ending June 30, 1905. The accepted beef and mutton will be admitted free of Customs duties. The United States reserves the right to decrease the amount called for in the contract, by not to the contractor; or to increase the amount called for, with the consent of the contractor. Each proposal must be accompanied by a Bidder's Guarantee in the amount of \$20,000, or by certified check for that amount on a bank of approved standing in Manila. The bidder to whom the contract is awarded will be required to give bond, the penalty of which will be fixed by the Chief Commissary. Information furnished on application. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for frozen fresh beef and frozen fresh mutton for F.Y. 1905, to be opened March 19th, 1904," and addressed to the undersigned.—HENRY G. SHARPE, Colonel, A.C.G. U.S. Army, Chief Commissary. [244]

## IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN OF 1895.

WHEREAS THE BONDS issued for the IMPERIAL KWANGTUNG LOAN of 1895 provide that "Liabilities contracted under the terms of this Loan are payable to bearer. Should this Bond be destroyed by fire or flood, the holder shall report the number of the Bond to the office of the Commissioner of Customs and obtain and deposit the guarantee of a substantial firm and shall make advertisement in the newspapers. If after the due date for payment, the Bond of this number shall not have been presented for payment, the said firm and the original holder may claim payment of the principal and interest accruing under this lost Bond. If at any subsequent date the original Bond be presented for payment, the original guaranteeing firm shall be required to pay over the full amount due. In default the firm shall be fined double that amount. The proceeds of such fines shall be paid over to the Shan Hon Chu for public purposes. And the Bond also provides that on the due date for the payment of each instalment of principal and interest the Bond must be presented at the Customs Office for examination and payment. The Commissioner of Customs shall on each occasion cut off and retain one of the eleven coupons annexed. When after six years the full amount of principal and interest shall have been paid off the whole Bond shall be cancelled."

AND WHEREAS the final instalment for repayment of the loan was issued by the Kwangtung Government on Kwang Hsi 26th year 12th moon 10th day (29th January, 1901), and became at once available for repayment of principal and interest upon presentation of the Bonds with the last coupon attached.

AND WHEREAS there are at date still outstanding and unpaid one bond with eleven coupons attached, three bonds with five coupons attached, forty-eight bonds with two coupons attached, and nineteen detached coupons, or a total of 151 coupons, all of which have been reported as lost (or stolen).

AND WHEREAS there are still outstanding and unpaid one hundred and one other coupons regarding which no report has been received.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any of the outstanding coupons under the Imperial Kwangtung Loan of 1895 which shall not be presented to the Office of Customs at Canton for verification and payment on or before Kwang Hsi 30th year 6th moon 29th day (the tenth day of August, 1904),



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## NOTICE.

THE date of Closing of Entries for the FORTHCOMING RACES has been POSTPONED from the 9th JANUARY to SATURDAY, 16th.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, 28th December, 1903. [3550]

## NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG & CO., Tailors, will be CARRIED ON from the 17th inst. at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Connaught House Hotel.  
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

## NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 38, Elgin Road, Price 15 cents per copy cash.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

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## PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LTD.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, 14, Des Vaux Road, on SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, 1904, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on WEDNESDAY, the 13th JANUARY, 1904, to SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, 1904, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [130]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the

Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.

General Agents for the

KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [145]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY, 1904, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 16th JANUARY, to WEDNESDAY, the 27th JANUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1904. [193]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th JANUARY, 1904, at NOON, for the purposes following, namely:

To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance sheet to 31st December, 1903, the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors and Auditors to determine whether the place of Mr. WILLIAM WOTTON who retires under Article 133 shall be filled up, whether the London Committee shall be reduced to two instead of three under Article 137, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and Register of Members of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 30th day of JANUARY, 1904, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1904. [188]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NON-RESIDENT SHAREHOLDERS desirous of applying for Shares of the new issue are hereby notified that the time within which applications can be made has been extended for such shareholders living in the Far East to the 31st instant, and for such shareholders living elsewhere, to the 31st of March.

Interest at the rate of 9% per annum from the 4th instant, until payment, will be charged in respect of all such applications.

No further applications can be considered from resident shareholders.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1904. [149]

AUTOMATIC MAUSER PISTOLS.

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1900. [54]

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Hongkong, 21st September, 1903.

## SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

A MILLIONAIRE'S OPPORTUNITY—A NEW SOURCE OF FUEL—A WEATHER PREDICTOR—A SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF CHARACTER SIGNS—SANDS A BUILDING MATERIAL—ELECTRIC SPEAK DESIGNING—COLOURS OF AUTUMN LEAVES.

A magnificent experiment awaits only an appropriation from some capitalist's wealth.

Sir Oliver Lodge mentions that twenty years ago he proved that fog could be dissipated electrically, and in a dense fog he cleared a space of 50 to 60 yards' radius by means of the discharges from a Wimshurst machine.

Only lack of means prevented an attempt to give London a clear atmosphere. Recent advances make possible the desired kind of dynamo for a continuous current, and it is believed that an excessive amount of machinery would not be necessary, for the fogs occur in a still atmosphere and are seldom of considerable height.

Sir Oliver suggests also that rain might be electrically produced, as in India, where the dark monsoon clouds pass over without discharging.

Bituminous shale is estimated to cover 50,000 square miles in the United States to an average depth of 30 feet. The newly patented process of O. to Oppelt, a Kentucky chemist, is expected to produce from this waste material a good quality of gas and oil, and to supply these for industrial purposes at a cost much lower than that of the gas now used. The process will yield also valuable by-products, including silicate and sulphate of alumina, ammonia, sulphate of iron, paraffin, and phosphoric acid.

A long weather cycle of about 35 years seems to appear in the British Isles. From records of 90 years, Mr. Douglas Archibald concludes that a dry period has just passed, and that the years 1903 to about 1920 will show more than average rainfall and low barometer, and two bushels per acre deficiency in wheat yield.

London produces ten lunatics per day; New York nearly as many, with greater proportionate increase.

While character may be often read from physical peculiarities, Mr. Karl Pearson, F.R.S., points out that the value of the indications can be estimated only from careful statistics. Tabulated observations upon large numbers of school children have given interesting results. The colour of the eyes seems to have some relation to conscientiousness, 71 per cent. of boys with light eyes being keenly conscientious, while the percentage was only 61 in boys with dark eyes.

Curiousness or smoothness of the hair has slight significance, if any. The colour of the hair is more important. 71 per cent. of the red-haired being keenly conscientious, but only 69 per cent. of the dark-haired and 55 per cent. of the black-haired.

The very dark-haired show twice as many individuals of sullen temper as the red-haired, although the red-haired are much more quick-tempered. The dark-eyed are rather healthier than the light, but the latter show rather higher intelligence. Of shy and quiet people, 75 per cent. are keenly conscientious, while the percentage in the self-assertive is but 50. Bad handwriting often attends great mental failing, but good handwriting betokens health, good temper, ability, and conscientiousness.

House of sand, as substantial as granite, are offered by the new process of Mr. L. P. Ford, of Grimsby, Eng. A mixture of sand and quicklime in suitable proportions is forced into a very strong steel mould, which is placed in a box, from which the air is then pumped, when hot water is admitted. The heat and pressure of the steaming lime and sand mould the materials into a rock having 50 per cent. of the strength of granite. This building stone, ready for use in eight hours, is very durable, and its cost is low, bricks by this process costing little more than half as much as the ordinary.

Statements of the length of the thread in a silkworm's cocoon have varied from a few hundred yards up to eleven miles. Measuring four specimens, Mr. L. O. Howard has found the lengths to range from 880 to 1,120 yards.

Some remarkable photographs of Prof. Stephan Ledue, of Nantes, represent a kind of electric stencilling upon the dry plates. A symmetrical design cut from cardboard is laid upon the plate, which is then sprinkled with an insulating powder, such as starch, sulphur, or a powdered oxide of metallic salt, when the cardboard is removed. The non-sensitive surface of the plate is placed on a metallic leaf connected to one pole of an induction coil or electric machine, while a point in the centre of the design is connected to the other pole. A single discharge is produced, the plate is freed from powder, and the picture is developed in the usual way. The result is always unforeseen. It may be varied not only by different designs, but by distributing over the sensitive surface various bits of different metals, and by using different powders variously distributed. The

beauty and diversity of the designs pictured give great fascination to the experiments.

The changes of colour of leaves in autumn are found by Dr. Keegan, an English investigator, to depend on the mineral matters, especially the silica and lime. Leaves that become red are those containing less than 10 per cent. of silica, while those that become yellow or brown have more than 10 per cent. The mineral matters seem to flow to the dying leaf in quantity proportionate to the decay of its vitality, and the American climate sustains the vitality of the leaf to a degree not possible in England, where Indian summer is rare.

A recent study of the so-called rain-tree of the tropics shows that it closes its leaves at sunset, permitting dew to form on the ground beneath. At sunrise the leaves again expand, preventing excessive evaporation, and in the shade of the tree grass grows much more rapidly than in the open.

Small herds of blesbok, bontebok, redbuck, and zebra in South Africa have survived the Boer war, although previously nearly extinct.

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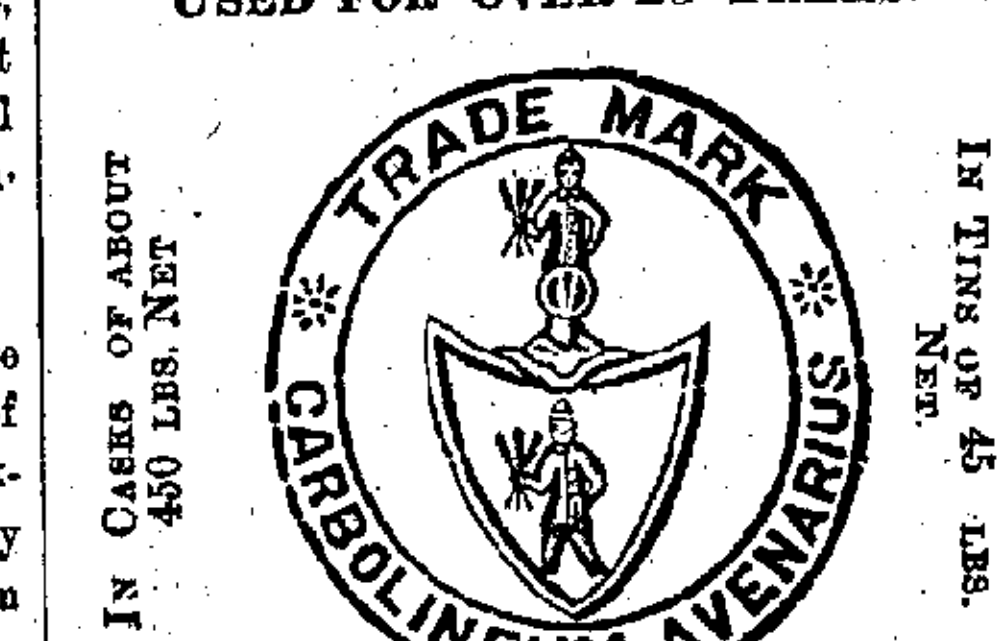
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [111]

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N. INUZUKA, Manager, Hongkong. [96]

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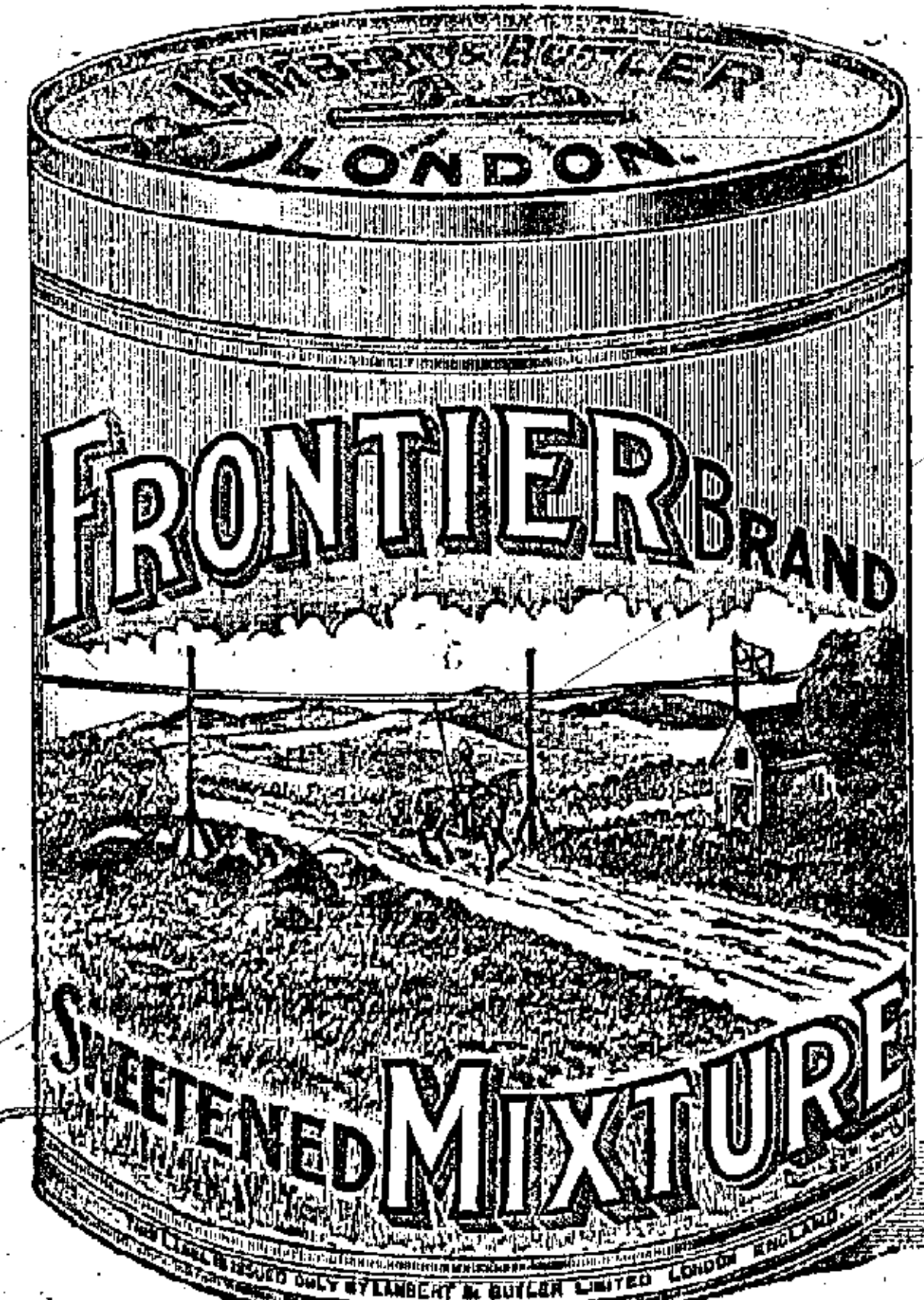
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 13th instant, will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on a date to be hereafter appointed.

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th January, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Friday, the 15th January, at 9.30 A.M.

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